

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-1312-K)**

PATENT

In application of:)	
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Kopreski)	Before the Examiner:
)	F. Wei Min Lu
Serial No. 10/658,873)	
)	Group Art Unit: 1634
Filed: September 5, 2003)	
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For: Method for Detecting and Monitoring)	
Cancer using Extracellular RNA)	

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2007. The response will thus be due on August 9, 2007.

By the signature of the undersigned, the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 13-2490 for the full amount of the required fee.

If Examiner Lu believes it to be helpful, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,
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